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July 29, 2009

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed the following requests from University of Maryland College Park:

- rename its Master of Science (M.S.) in Biology as a Master of Science in Biological Sciences;
- rename its Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biology as a Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences and;
- rename three Areas of Concentration (AOC) in the Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences as follows:
 - rename Ecology as Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics;
 - rename Cell Biology as Molecular and Cell Biology; and
 - rename Systematics and Evolutionary Biology as Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, and Genomics;

On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that these requests have been administratively approved. The HEGIS and CIP codes will not change. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's *Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals* and *Code of Maryland Regulations*.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

Current Program Title	New Program Title	Degree Level	HEGIS	CIP
Biology	Biological Sciences	M.S.	0407-00	26.0101
Biology	Biological Sciences	Ph.D.	0407-00	26.0101
Ecology	Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics	A.O.C.	0407-00	26.0701
Cell Biology	Molecular and Cell Biology	A.O.C.	0407-00	26.0701
Systematics and Evolutionary Biology	Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, and Genomics	A.O.C.	0407-00	26.0701

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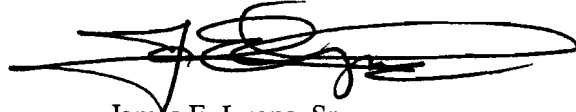
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Should these programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

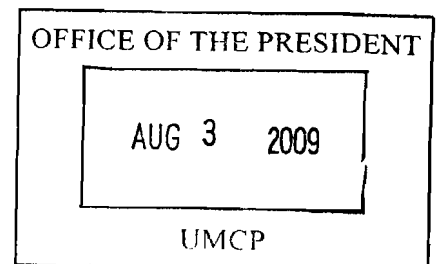
Sincerely,



James E. Lyons, Sr.
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cc. Dr. George W. Reid, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, MHEC
Ms. Theresa W. Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM





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Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed the following requests from University of Maryland College to suspend the following degree programs:

- o M.S. and Ph.D. in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics;
- o M.S. and Ph.D. in Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics; and
- o Ph.D. Molecular and Cell Biology

On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that these requests have been administratively approved for a period of up to two years. During the suspension, enrolled students may complete the degree program but no new students will be admitted. This suspension will also apply to the concentrations within the M.S. and Ph.D. Degree in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics all of which bear the same HEGIS code and CIP 26.0503. After a two year period the institution shall either discontinue or reactivate the program offerings and notify the Secretary in writing.

Program Title	Degree Level	HEGIS	CIP
Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics	M.S.	04-1101	26.0406
Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics	Ph.D.	04-1101	26.0406
Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics	M.S.	04-9902	26.1399
Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics	Ph.D.	04-9902	26.1399
Molecular and Cell Biology	Ph.D.	04-1701	26.0204

Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of the programmatic changes being made at the University of Maryland, College Park. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

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